

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Riverside City Council Meeting

Held on

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Riverside, OH

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio, City Council Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

**ROLL CALL:** Council attendance was as follows: Mr. Denning, present; Mrs. Franklin, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Joseph, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Maxfield, absent; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present was as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; Chris Lohr, Assistant City Manager; Kim Baker, Finance Administrator; Dalma Grandjean, Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch to excuse Mr. Maxfield from the council meeting. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** No changes were made to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mr. Denning, to approve the agenda. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** Mayor Williams presented a proclamation declaring April 2023 as Fair Housing Month. Mayor Williams also presented a proclamation recognizing National Arab American Heritage Month for April 2023.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Denning, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023, council business meeting. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS:** Mayor Williams stated that any citizen wishing to speak should fill out a petition form and turn it in to the clerk.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**A) Finance Department** – Mr. Rauch introduced Ms. Kim Baker as the new Finance Administrator. He stated she comes from SSI, the company from which the city purchased their new finance software and had already been working well with the finance department on the implementation prior to coming on board. He added that she has already attended one state auditor training session. He stated that Mr. Garrett is out for a few weeks but is expected back mid-month.

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**B) Administration Department** – Mr. Lohr stated that the class & compensation study is continuing, and they are looking at draft job descriptions. He stated that surveys have already been sent to some municipalities, and he is hoping to get responses from other cities by the end of April. The information will then be compiled for what is appropriate for city staff. He stated that he is working with Tech Advisors on improving the network infrastructure. There are two new servers, one at 5200 Springfield Street and one at 1791 Harshman Road; they replaced the nearly eight-year-old servers. They are also moving to virtual servers. Tech Advisors is cleaning up the active directory that will help to better manage Office 365 and moving the infrastructure to the cloud rather than locally.

**C) Community Development Department** – Mr. Rauch stated that Ms. Holt was recently at the National APA conference and gave a presentation on Imposter Syndrome.

**D) City Manager Report** – Mr. Rauch stated there was a good kickoff meeting regarding the SS4A grant with regards to the corridor. There are now draft documents the city can fill out. Once completed, they will go to the Federal Department of Transportation, and they should get something back in approximately 90 days. He will then bring it to the council for them to adopt. They will have 18 months to complete.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Mayor Williams stated that no one turned in a form to speak on agenda items.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 23-O-822 – An ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of Riverside, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 23-O-822. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 6:23 pm. No one came forward to speak. He closed the public hearing at 6:23 pm.

Roll call: Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Ordinance No. 23-O-823 – An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December**



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**31, 2023, and declaring an emergency. (2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 23-O-823. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 6:24 pm. No one came forward to speak. He closed the public hearing at 6:24 pm.

Roll call: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 23-O-824 – An ordinance approving the Plan Of Operation and Governance for the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (“SOPEC”) Electric Aggregation Program, for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing an Electric Aggregation Program. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-O-824. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Ordinance No. 23-O-825 – An ordinance approving the Plan Of Operation and Governance for the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (“SOPEC”) Natural Gas Aggregation Program, for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing a Natural Gas Aggregation Program. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-O-825. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

### A. RESOLUTIONS

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- I) **Resolution No. 23-R-2834 - A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of an ambulance for use at the Department of Fire under the State of Ohio Cooperative Bid Program.**

Mrs. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Denning, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2834.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Resolution No. 23-R-2835 - A resolution authorizing the city manager to purchase a replacement generator for Fire Station 6 from Generator Systems, LLC.**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2835.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- III) **Resolution No. 23-R-2836 - A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a provider agreement with Freepoint Energy Solutions for electricity supplier services at the Wright Point Office Complex.**

Mrs. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2836.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- IV) **Resolution No. 23-R-2837 - A resolution affirming the city manager's acceptance of an Ohio Department of Public Safety Subgrant.**

Mr. Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve Resolution No. 23-R-2837.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No one came forward to comment.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph to publicly support the Mad River Schools Issue 12. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated that she wants to recognize the school district and added that they have been frugal with taxpayers' money. They have also put an SRO back in the schools, and she hopes they do more. She stated they need to support the school district.

Mr. Joseph thanked the White House for sending the First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, to visit Riverside, OH, at the Beverly Gardens School.

Mr. Franklin wished everyone a Happy Easter.



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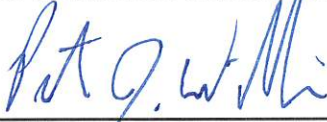
Mayor Williams stated that April is nationally known for the Month of the Military Child. He stated that Beverly Gardens Elementary School was the first in the nation for being a Purple Star School, and that the Mad River School District was the first and is the largest, having all of its schools recognized as Purple Star Schools. He added that there are many resources in the schools dedicated for children and spouses as deployments occur. Discussion was held amongst council members on the difficulties military children face being moved to multiple schools, and the improvements that have been made over the years. Mr. Joseph added that when military personnel retire it isn't just that family member, the entire family is recognized as having been the support for that person.

Mr. Denning reminded everyone that the Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt is at Beverly Gardens Elementary School at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mrs. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Denning, to go into Executive Session for the following: 103.01(1) Unless the City employee or official requests a public hearing; to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a city employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a City employee or official; 103.01(2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of public property, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal or private interest is adverse to the general public interest; and 103.01(3) Conferences with any attorney representing the City as counsel, concerning disputes involving the City, its council, boards, commissions, officials and employees that are the subject of pending or imminent court action or discussions of any matters which are properly covered under the attorney-client privilege as recognized by the law of Ohio. Roll call went as follows: Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. Council went into executive session at 6:44 pm.

**RECONVENE:** Council reconvened at 7:48 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Denning, to adjourn. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

  
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Peter J. Williams, Mayor  
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Clerk of Council

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